



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6893

LCO No. 3751



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR
RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) Effective July 1, [2011] 2015, the commissioner shall provide a
5 state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal
6 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care
7 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]
8 sixty-five dollars per month. On and after July 1, 2016, the
9 commissioner shall increase such allowance annually by the same
10 amount as the Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if any such
11 adjustments are made. Such state supplement payment shall be made
12 to the long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal fund
13 account of each such recipient. For the purposes of this subsection,
14 "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent
15 nursing home, a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing

16 supervision, an intermediate care facility for individuals with
17 intellectual disabilities or a state humane institution.

18 Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 Effective July 1, [2011] 2015, the Commissioner of Social Services
21 shall permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease
22 hospitals and state humane institutions who are medical assistance
23 recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-
24 285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly
25 personal fund allowance of [sixty] sixty-five dollars. On and after July
26 1, 2016, the commissioner shall increase such allowance annually by
27 the same amount as the Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if
28 any such adjustments are made.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-272

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the personal needs allowance of residents of long-term care facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]